(b) Decisions regarding examination centres are taken by the IIT's and IIM's which conduct Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to IIT's and Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission to IIM's. Any request received by the Government as regard new examination centres in India or abroad is forwarded to these institutions for decision.

Sale of Books as 'Raddi'

610. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken note of a news item aired recently on visual media to the effect that text books for school children under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan were sold as 'raddi' in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the case indicating the names of concerned school, teacher and headmaster etc. involved and the action taken so far against them; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to ensure that material to be distributed under this Abhiyan is not misappropriated and misused and reaches school children for whom it is meant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) A report has come to the notice of the Government that some textbooks meant for distribution to school under the scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan were sold as 'raddi' by Shri Prahlad Yadav, Assistant Teacher and In-charge of the Cluster Resource Centre at Ukala in district Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. An inquiry was instituted on the basis of which the District Collector, Dhar has suspended Shri Prahlad Yadav and a Departmental Enquiry has been initiated. The case is also being investigated by the local police.

The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that all District Collectors have been instructed to ensure proper distribution of free textbooks and ensure that no misappropriation of textbooks occurs in their districts.